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## PROGRAMME:

- 8:00–9:00 Registration
- 9:00–9:25 Conference Opening (PRO TRAVEL  
and ŠKOLNÍ ZÁJEZDY, S.R.O. –  
conference partners' presentations)
- 9:25–9:30 Knihkupectví MEGABOOKS –  
Introduction
- 9:30–10:30 **English today: Just what is it  
and who does it belong to?**  
*Simon Gill*
- 10:30–10:50 Coffee Break
- 10:50–11:50 **Are your students ready  
to connect?**  
*Shaun Wilden*
- 11:50–13:00 Lunch
- 13:00–14:05 **Adaptation to change (in Czech)**  
*Jan Vojtko*
- 14:05–14:20 Raffle

## You Get:

- a complimentary pack of materials from Oxford University Press and conference partners
- a free copy from a choice of books by Oxford University Press
- light refreshments including a lunch
- **RAFFLE with prizes** by Oxford University Press and Angličtina – hry, including a voucher by knihkupectví MEGABOOKS, a tablet by ŠKOLNÍ ZÁJEZDY, S.R.O., a trip\* to England by PRO TRAVEL
- special **20% conference discount offer** on OUP titles by knihkupectví MEGABOOKS
- a confirmation of attendance

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**ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRIBUTION CZK 650,-**

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*Simon Gill*

## English today: Just what is it and who does it belong to?

In this talk I don't plan to spend much time sharing my thoughts on how we should teach but rather I would like to discuss what we teach, the English language. The aspects I will touch on include language change, the roles of international languages, the diminishing importance of 'the native speaker' model, the infinite beauty and complexity of vocabulary, and that perennial favourite of Czech teachers and learners, grammar and its deepest secrets.



**Simon Gill** has been involved in ELT in what was once Czechoslovakia since September 1989, a period in which the role of English here has seen incredible changes. During that time he has both taught the language and worked with practising and trainee teachers. His last full-time job was in the English Department at the Faculty of Education of Palacký University in Olomouc, where he spent sixteen years. These days he doesn't do much actual teaching but he is still very active in work with the English language (and improving his Czech) and continues to derive great happiness and satisfaction from interacting with teachers, learners, and users of both English and Czech in a host of different ways.

*Shaun Wilden*

## Are your students ready to connect?

Seeing our students swipe, play games, and create videos can easily lead us to think they are digitally competent, and mislead us into believing that as language teachers, discussing digital matters with them is not our job. So much so I would guess very few of us discuss with students how they connect or who and what they connect with. However, as educators our role is to prepare our students for the world they will have to function in, therefore shouldn't we deal with digital literacy in the same way as would traditional literacy? In this talk I'll discuss digital competence and its place in the secondary language classroom. Showing how language teaching and digital literacy can go together with some simple activities, and by drawing on examples from OUP's *Life Vision* series.



**Shaun Wilden** is an educational technologist, teacher trainer, and teacher of English with more than 30 years of classroom experience. He holds an MA in technology and education. He has published a number of books and articles on the use of technology in education including *Mobile Learning* published by OUP. Shaun manages the online teacher development site for the International House World Organisation. He also lectures and tutors in online education, and digital literacy on a number of programmes for international students and teachers at the University of Oxford's Department for Continuing Education. He is a director of IATEFL and for a hobby makes the TEFL commute podcast. Outside of education, Shaun plays a lot of board games.

*Jan Vojtko*

## Adaptation to change (in Czech)

Adapting to change seems to be key to any profession one pursues. Our world is constantly changing and we all have probably already noticed that all changes are constantly accelerating and thus require us to react immediately and quickly process and integrate them into our lives. But our brain is simply not ready for such a speed. We are overwhelmed with information, demands from others, but also from ourselves, we are not only required to be professional in the fields we perform, but also to look after our emotional and psychological well-being, while change is the biggest stressor that annoys us in life. Successful adaptation is based on developed emotional intelligence, or knowledge of oneself. What fulfills me, what I see meaning in, what my values are, my vision, do I know my barriers, or difficulties that hinder me in my life, or do I avoid these questions instead and simply live somehow. We will talk about all of these at this lecture.



**Jan Vojtko** is primarily a couple and partner therapist who, among other things, focuses on working with LGBTQ+ clientele and people in alternative forms of relationships. He studied andragogy with a focus on psychology at the Jan Amos Komenský University. Thanks to his training (cognitive-behavioral couple therapy, schema therapy, emotionally focused therapy and body therapy), he uses an integrative approach to partner therapy. He tries to pass on this integrative approach also in the newly opened integrated couple therapy training, where he teaches therapy together with his colleague Pavel Rataj, with whom he founded the "Institut párové terapie - INPAT". In his work, he tries to mediate and popularize couple and partner therapy, topics of the LGBTQ+ group and alternative forms of relationships, including the topics of sexuality and relationships of people with mental disabilities. In addition to popular science books about relationships (*Vztahy a mýty + Vztahy a pasti*), together with Ester Geislerová he speaks at a lecture on relationships "Terapie sdílením Live and Reset", writes books for children, writes scientific texts, studies further while teaching at the Fakulta humanitních studií UK, and he loves his job.

**We look forward to seeing you at the conference!**

